



## **NORTHWEST CT SPORTSMAN'S COUNCIL**

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### **To: Environment Committee**

Re: Public hearing on HB 5158- An act authorizing bow and arrow hunting under certain circumstances:

My name is Jason Marshall; I am president of the Northwest CT Sportsman's Council, which represents 32 sportsmen's organizations in northwest CT.

I would like to thank the Chairman and members of the Environment Committee for hearing my testimony today.

My comments are centered more on land owner rights and the economic impact on this state, than discussing the effect of Sunday hunting on the deer population.

\*Land owners rights should be taken under consideration with this bill. The land owners should be allowed to let hunters on their land, on the days that they see fit. It would also allow the Land owner, (if they wish) a day to set aside for themselves to hunt their own land without the pressure other hunters.

\*We allow fishing on Sundays.... Why not bow hunting?

39 others states allow bow hunting including two of our boarder states, New York & Rhode Island.

Having both Saturday & Sunday to hunt would be a great attraction for many non-resident hunters and would be an economic boost to this state's small businesses of lodging, food, fuel and sporting goods retail businesses, who are hit especially hard by the lack luster economy in this state.

Not to mention the increase in sales of non-residence hunting licenses.

\*There are many sportsmen & sportswomen who work 6 days a week. They don't get a chance to hunt very often due to the demands of work and family. If they want to hunt, they have to take a day off from work to do so. Sundays would be their only chance to hunt if they could. This would allow them to provide high protein venison to their families so to offset their escalating weekly food bills.

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